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- (C) STATE 36190, (D) USNATO 4256

SUMMARY. AT MAY 17 POLADS MEETING VIRTUAL CONSENSUS
WAS REACHED ON US TOPIC, WITH ONLY FRG ACQUIESCENCE
OUTSTANDING. END SUMMARY.

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1. CANADIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAD REVIEWED ALL
TOPICS SUGGESTED FOR 1978 APAG MEETING AND CONTINUED
TO FAVOR US THEME, WHICH SHOULD BE FURTHER ELABORATED
TO INDICATE SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED UNDER BROAD SUBJECT.
BELGIAN AND FRENCH REPS TOOK SIMILAR POSITION.

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2. UK REP, NOTING THAT COMMITTEE SEEMED TO BE MOVING
TOWARD AGREEMENT ON US THEME, WITHDREW UK TOPIC (REF B)
AND SAID HE COULD ACCEPT US PROPOSAL.

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3. FRG REP (WHOM WE HAD CONTACTED BEFOREHAND PER REF A)
SAID HE HAD NO FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON APAG TOPIC.

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4. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NOTED DEVELOPING CONSENSUS FOR
US TOPIC, ASKED FRG REP TO SEEK NEW INSTRUCTIONS AND
EXPRESSED HOPE THAT POLADS COULD REACH AGREEMENT AT
THEIR NEXT MEETING, MAY 23.

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5. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM FRENCH AND OTHERS,

US REP SAID WE WOULD CIRCULATE AN ELABORATION OF US
THEME WITH SUB-ITEMS. (WE WILL USE FIRST THREE TICS,
PARA 2, REF C AND FRG PROPOSAL REF B.) OTHERS MAY LATER
ADD TO SUBTOPICS SPECIFIC POINTS THEY INTEND TO COVER.

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6. CONCERNING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON
FUNCTIONING OF ALLIED POLICY PLANNING OFFICES,
CANADIAN REP SUPPORTED NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL ON THIS
SUBJECT (REF B). FRG REP ON PERSONAL BASIS OBSERVED
THAT THIS QUESTION MIGHT BE DISCUSSED INFORMALLY AMONG
APAG PARTICIPANTS "ONE EVENING IN FRONT OF THE
FIREPLACE AT CHATEAU MONTEBELLO". FRENCH REP THOUGHT
THAT AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO
PARIS. BENNETT

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